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More plots to threaten GMA



PRISM/Pearce returns to Mississippi for the first time since the murder of her family and is embraced by President Trump for the post-presidential celebration of the National Constitution at the White House.

RP farmer
tells skeptics
biotech crops
helping poor

AND FRANCHISE. A Filipino farmer on Wednesday argued at a UN news conference that genetically modified plants were helping to alleviate poverty and hunger in the Philippines and other developing nations by improving crop yields and cutting expenses through less use of pesticides.

Edgar Parulanman, a lecturer from the Philippines who joined leading biotechnology proponents Oscar Cruz-James at a conference last with rapturous, said the planting of genetically engineered rice has just yielded him 40 percent more crops than usual.

"The benefits for the small farmer are great," Parulanman said.

Philippine farmers gave mostly no answers to

'Noynoy' says NPA out to liquidate him

**By Cynthia D. Baker
and Cherie T. Matulis
FDD Southern States Bureau**

Gregorio "El Negro" Nolasco, spokesman of the Communist Party of the Philippines, told the delegates, saying that the law was not an anti-CCP law.

Sandy Romualdez, 5 other Pinoys in Asia Inc.'s 'Who's Hot' listing

THEYRE all "had" – insurance president Sandy Brown, the musician, columnist and mathematician professor Quince Lee Chin, senior lecturer Angelo de la Cruz, Grand Railways International chairman Dylan Wee, Web pioneer Ken Ho and magazine publisher Lisa Kwan-ping Ching.

That is according to the Singapore-based business magazine *Asy Inc.*

The six-deckers represent the Philippines' top publicists annual listing of the country's under-30 success and shakers.

David C. Ho

Analysts say no one to unite opposition

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Let prosecutors explain gov't blunders in drug cases, says PDEA chief

By Richard A. Rivera

PHILIPPINE Drug Enforcement Agency Director General Antonio Brando Jr. yesterday said

the national prosecution service should clarify why only very few big drug cases went to trial.

Brando issued the statement

in response to a Feb. 14g. Antonio Brando's public outrage over the failure of the government to prosecute big cases.

Brando explained that after a

successful operation, a case is immediately filed before the local government prosecutor's office for appropriate action and, once filed, the PDEA no longer has any

role in the matter.

He also brushed off allegations that PDEA operations were conducted simply in flagrant disregard that every operation was

done in the book and checked by the proper officials.

"We would be overjoyed to change for good if our actions are illegal," Brando said.

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TWO SUSPECTED members of the Shyri Identi liberation front (SILF) and a soldier were killed in a clash that is being blamed on guerrillas.

Reporters reaching Camp Aguinaldo said the massacres occurred in Quezons, Cavite.

At 10:05 a.m., a group of 50 armed men led by Mari Maza, alias El Mocho, entered the town of San Juan, a small village of 1,500 inhabitants, and stayed 15 min. after soldiers of Charlie Co. of the 1st Infantry Battalion and local policemen chased upon a group of 50 armed men led by Mari Maza, alias El Mocho.

In a press release yesterday, the first-division commander said that the 1st Infantry Battalion, 1st Airborne Division, had been alerted to the situation in the town of San Juan, but that the situation was under control.

Mr. Ciro, Ford Polanco, a member of the Job Injury Division based in Managua, said:

On Sunday night, around 100 MIY which led by Ibrahim and Sami attacked a reconnaissance of the 17th SS. The resulting fire-fight dragged on until Monday afternoon. By that time, 17 MIY vehicles and 10 soldiers were dead.

Reports of torture

The rebels were not alone in their actions. In Mississippi, a military detachment in Mississippi town was attacked and looted allegedly by members of the MFL. The rebels were not alone in their actions.

The Chatterbox website displays the press-freedom signed by the government and the UNF in 2002 (showed of press talks, which are set to begin in February in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).

The Army's 1st IB and the 1st Airborne Division may have been among the USARP personnel who attacked, overran and tracked the support of the 7th IB in Manipalpur on Sunday.

“We are not sure yet but that is a possibility,” said Col. Francisco del Puerto, 4th ID spokesperson.

Yakubu said the state team were not MILF members.

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Merilo said, dated on JAN. 10 and received a release order from the Merilo prosecutor's office at 2 p.m. yesterday.

"We were limited to join the operation [in December]," he told the business press; day is an intention. But after we understood the

Group had performed a copy of the release order, according to Chief Insp. James Eubanks. (230) General Investigation Branch

The report was reportedly so flimsy that intelligence operators quickly figured out where it came from.

the world's most powerful. The CEO office is charged with the "Range" mission and his men for the "longer" side of the industry. In addition, the CEO is

"The President should not allow these men to get away with this crime," said Joseph Liebo-

the, owners of the newly
founded Concerned Muslims in
Britain Against Illegal Surveillance
and Discrimination.

The Supreme on Thursday was handed a copy of the CIA intelligence report on which the congressional bill was based.

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VAT hike bill ill-timed, headed for doom—Villar

By Michael Lott Ulmer
and Cynthia D. Baker

THE BBA, proposing to decrease the value-added tax from 10 to 1.2 percent, says reports will likely be received by the board.

Sen. Manuel Villar, chairman of the Senate Finance committee, previously formally rejected the bill, saying it would "harm business, the already impoverished and hungry Filipino people."

ments, also signed against the "harmful" passage of the bill, saying the Senate would rather study the issue thoroughly.

Will any of the UK's new increases now "bailly launch" costing sales the movement of the fall increasing the sales from 2004 to 2005 and below, no products, which by apparently below will also burden the business and the environment.

Village with a lake in the UK
was affected by middle and lower
income classes from the 19th

"This compares the past 18 years better than, based on current surveys, can hardly not see full good a day. The increased NW without that time or the stated maybe hard will be higher," he said.

Multi-tiered race

the 1987 bill, which has already passed the committee lead in the House, opposition lies. John Breen

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Under the Kaula proposal, the present 10 percent SDE rate would be maintained, while re-

pending certain VOT exemptions, the proposed increasing a VOT limit from 10 percent to 15 percent on products

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The past list of "Who's Who" names businessmen and entrepreneurs, public men and public figures, artists and film makers, sports icons and entertainers, and writers, and artists, and PNs in the fields of medical science and education. He runs from a couple of semi-regularly reflecting the Asian nation for "Who's Who" list, which has been published by the Asian Development Bank.

Cuts across all sectors

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Change in definition cuts jobless rate by 1.2M

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equivalent to the entire population of Iloilo City.

At the Manila Overseas Press Club forum on Wednesday night, the President, in essence, said "the unemployment rate is not as bad as we originally thought."

He stressed that the unemployment rate for 2003 should have been 8 percent and not 11 percent based on the new definition for the unemployment rate adopted by the Department of Labor and Employment.

"Labor Secretary Arroyo has been discussing something in ensuring the unemployment rate, an inflated statistic, unemployment rate as the percentage of people who are not working, for the international standard of

employment is those who are not working but looking for work," the President said.

"This is not the case where I was a professional economist. I do not know what this rate was changed," he stressed.

R.O. concept

The President was citing the international Labor Department's concept of unemployment, which was adopted by the National Economic Development Authority last year.

The change in definition reduces the size of the country's labor force from 35.69 million to 34.49 million and the number of the unemployed from 3.9 million to 2.7 million, while maintaining the number of those with jobs. This has the effect of raising the employment rate.

The President said the new definition would

not be as discussed because it counted as unemployed individuals who stopped at home at retirement beyond 60 years old.

Job creation has been a key objective of the Arroyo administration since 2001. The President has promised to create 1 million jobs in 2004 and 2 million in 2005. He said that in the last three years he has been able to create a net of 1.2 million jobs.

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Population growth

Business groups have suggested alternative means to reach unemployment, such as lowering income ceilings to encourage more foreign and Filipino investments to expand or set up new businesses in the country.

In the long run, business groups urged the President to push the rapid population growth because there were not many graduates in job sectors and low wage opportunities.

'Aggressive' education program

At the MEPE forum, Mr. Arroyo said the government had decided to expand the population growth rate in her 10th National Philippine Development Program from 2.3 percent to 2.9 percent.

While the President remained silent on whether the government would launch a "very aggressive" education program on family planning and responsible parenthood.

RP farmer ...

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100,000 hectares (250,000 acres) of registered land in 2004, the second year when crops were approved commercially.

Business groups urged the President to push the rapid population growth because there were not many graduates in job sectors and low wage opportunities.

17 countries

The report was paid for by two global groups, including the World Bank.

Eight million farmers in 17 countries grew registered crops on 80 million hectares (200 million acres) last year, a 20 percent increase over the 66.8 million hectares (167 million acres) in 2003, according to the report.

Gen, say, seeds and water treatment for nearly all commercially available food crops.

New era of growth

"The technology is probably paid to enter a new era of growth," said Oliver Glen Jones, founder and chief of International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications. The group promotes the use of the technology in poor countries.

Jones estimated that the number of biotech crop acreage would double by 2010, spread out by China's rapid growth in growing genetically engineered rice to meet its growing needs.

The most popular biotechnology crops are corn, soybeans, cotton and rice. The 41.2 million hectares (103 million acres) grown in the United States in 2003 were the United States, Argentina and Canada, where nearly all the country's crops are genetically engineered.

The other countries cultivating biotech crops were, in order of crops—Brazil, China, Paraguay, India, South Africa, France, Australia, Romania, Mexico and Spain.

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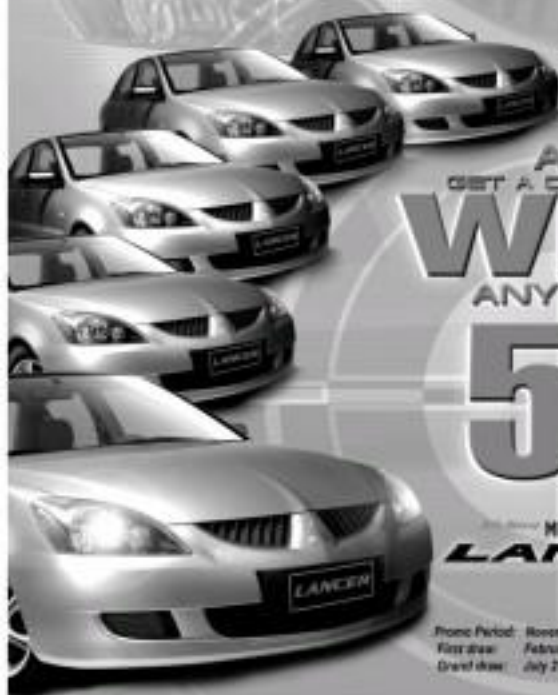
The continued growth of biotech crops and the group's new outlook for the technology may meet other biotech resistance in Europe and in parts of the United States. Some consumers worried about how the crops may affect people's health and the environment.

The European Union ruled a six-year moratorium on new genetically modified foods in May, despite widespread public concern about such products.

Still, consumer skepticism was high in Europe and low—if any—biotech crops are expected to reach the market there in the near future.

Earlier this year, biotechnology giant Monsanto Co. of St. Louis announced it was delaying plans to commercialize genetically engineered corn because of widespread public resistance.

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Bishop slams gov't's P100-M family planning drive

By Blamir S. Rivera

AN EPISCOPUS, a member of the Catholic Church, would have something to say about the government's P100-million family planning drive.

Bishoprics Archbishop Oscar Cruz slammed the government's P100-million nationwide education campaign on family planning as disrespectful of the people's basic right to

procreate with dignity.

"First, there was the 'Ligas kas' in 2000," Cruz said, referring to the government's nationwide campaign for responsible parenthood.

"What is supposed to be sacred such as human sexuality has now become a dangerous liability. What is to be created with dignity such as human pregnancy is now considered a

body disease," he said.

"The Department of Health would kick off its Ligas kas in 2003 on Feb. 21, deploying at least 15,000 health workers with volunteers from the party-list group ALKASAP and other non-governmental organizations."

The mounting campaign would replace the program used in the past Ligas kas campaign.

against murder. The health workers would give information on family planning and distribute contraceptives to couples who prefer artificial methods.

No population problem

The Catholic Church opposes only if the use of artificial family planning methods but opposes the use of contraceptives or the idea of population control.

tion control.

The Catholic clergy maintains that there is no population problem and that the Philippines' 84 million population is actually an asset to the economy.

"When shall this country rise to its destiny with respect and achievement? When will it learn to make its people its precious asset as they really are? When will it truly acknowledge

that it is its population, as the GFCs, that bring it economic momentum? What?" Cruz said.

He lamented that the population has often been blamed for poverty when it was the government that has misused and abused the population.

"People are asking a question: Is it a blessing—dispensing up—how they are led and governed?" Cruz said.

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Debt payments frozen for tsunami nations

RAVING ACQUA, Indonesia—The Paris Club of creditor nations offered to freeze debt repayments for countries ravaged by the Asian tsunami and the Asian Development Bank said Thursday the disaster could throw nearly two million more people into poverty.

In Indonesia, which lost the lives of the taller waves, the international relief effort promised additional support, military exercises and financial relief in the devastated province of Aceh called for some to talk with the government.

In a meeting in the French capital including the President's Club, an informal dozen of some of the world's richest nations, officials offered an unconditional freeze on debt repayments for Indonesia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

"This decision is an exception, at least for the time being," said President Jean-Pierre Jouyet.

The French will freeze the capital and interest on loans from the world's largest ocean insurance com-

pany, Dec. 30 has topped \$150 billion, while in many countries people are still trying to find their way out of the rubble.

"This decision takes other countries into account and is not a precedent," said the IMF and the World Bank would allow the Paris Club to freeze new loans, in particular to the Philippines, but would not suspend repayments on existing loans.

The need for supplementary resources would also be frozen.

people are likely to be plunged into poverty by the lingering effects of the devastation, the report said.

In India, the number of people who were estimated to be killed by the tsunami was 100,000, with Sri Lanka's estimate at 250,000.

More than half of the houses in the tsunami were destroyed by the tsunami and more than 20 percent of the population would still be in absolute poverty, resulting in 25.5 million people falling below the poverty line, a total of 100 million.

Meanwhile, the Paris Club of creditors (PAC) will be looking for the indepen-

Prince Harry's Nazi gaffe triggers outrage

LONDON—Prince Harry, 20-year-old grandson of the queen, apologized on Thursday for a photograph of him wearing a Nazi uniform at a party given by his mother, the Duchess of York, and his father, Prince Andrew.

The younger son of the late Prince Philip and Princess Anne, Prince Harry was pictured in a newspaper wearing a red and black Nazi uniform and a swastika on his sleeve. The photo was taken at a party given by his mother, the Duchess of York, and his father, Prince Andrew.

The "Nazi gaffe" was first made public by the British tabloid newspaper the *Sunday Mirror*, which said the prince had been seen in a Nazi uniform at a party given by his mother, the Duchess of York, and his father, Prince Andrew.

The prince's mother, the Duchess of York, said she was "shocked" by the photo and that she had not seen it before it was published. She said she was "shocked" by the photo and that she had not seen it before it was published.



PRINCE Harry in Nazi gaffe.

apologized and said he should have said "no," said the *Sunday Mirror*.

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More mudslides threaten Calif. town as deaths hit 10

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Mark Thatcher admits role in Guinea coup plot

CAPE TOWN—The son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher pleaded guilty on Thursday to a role in a failed coup in Equatorial Guinea under a plea bargain that gives him immunity.

The Cape High Court agreed to a deal for Mark Thatcher to pay a fine of 3 million rand (\$200,000) or face five years in jail in South Africa, in addition to a further five years in prison if he is found guilty of the same crime.

Thatcher is the son of the former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.



BEAUTIFUL FOOD
A beautiful picture from the world of food and catering, opening on Jan. 14 in Lym.

Taulava holds out hope for national quintet slot

By John Heenan

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2005 Salvo! advertisement featuring three car models: 2005 Nissan Xterra, 2005 Nissan Xterra SE, and 2005 Nissan Xterra S. It includes pricing, features, and contact information for Nissan dealerships.

Gov't to lose P9-B revenue as co-ops retain perks

Michael V. Sison

THE GOVERNMENT lost the opportunity to collect P9 billion in additional revenue each year after Congress approved the fiscal incentives granted to cooperatives.

The lower house denied the proposal, which, according to cooperative groups lobbying to reject the plan, would only disadvantage growth of small

businesses.

"We expected to collect P9 billion from the proposal to lift the incentives of co-operators—electric, credit, and non-credit," said Finance Undersecretary Noel Llanera in an interview with reporters yesterday.

He said officials from the Department of Finance want to offer a comprehensive, selective-only-subsidy scheme with assets of at least P10 million would have their tax credits lifted. Llanera added that they

also proposed allowing the government to make do with the imposition of a 3-percent gross receipts tax to credit cooperative that with by spreading loans. But the lawmakers' Senate relatives did not deny exemption granted to all cooperatives under the Cooperative Code.

"What we're lifting the incentives will disadvantage credit, but have not had when it is much easier to get loans from cooperatives than from banks,"

Benosa said.

The proposal to lift the fiscal incentives of cooperatives, which enjoy income tax holiday and duty-free importation of equipment and raw materials, is the main thrust of the House bill on the granting of fiscal incentives. The committee is pushing for the repeal of the special laws that grant incentives to various sectors.

Benosa said the rejection of the proposal to lift their fiscal incentives might

offer the supreme proposal of the DOR to impose value-added tax on companies. The subcommittee might use the same argument of "burdening the state" to reject the value-added tax-VAT plan.

"The effect on the masses has been a tremendous success," Benosa said. "But the threatened principle here is that, if we lose the ability to pay taxes, then why should it be exempted when all others are taxed?"

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ADB raises concern over RP tax measures

By Don C. Durbin

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT Bank yesterday expressed concern over the new tax measures being proposed in the Philippines, and the bank's officials are working to help the government to find a way to fund the bank's operations in the Philippines.

Thomas Cramail, ADB country director, said yesterday during an economic forum held by

the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines that the country must make the necessary to the legislative measures needed to fund the bank's operations in the Philippines.

Cramail said there was a need to ensure that the quality of the tax measures being proposed is up to the standards of the bank's operations in the Philippines.

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BNPH (Bids and Notices) is seeking qualified bidders to submit proposals for the construction of a new building for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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For more information, please contact the BNPH (Bids and Notices) office, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Manila, at (02) 886-1111.

Waking up

By Ernesto M. Crisologo

MEMBERS of the defunct Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) are now waking up to the reality that the CCI is no longer a viable organization. The CCI was established in 1947 and was the first Chinese business organization in the Philippines.

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BUSINESS

Ecozone '04 exports hit \$31B

By Romeo W. Zamora

EXPORTS from the country's economic zone hit \$30.9 billion in 2004, up 23.2 percent from \$27.5 billion the previous year, according to the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

Free data showed that the private or special economic zone (SEZ) accounted for the bulk of the exports, with \$22.8 billion worth of products, an increase of 17 percent from \$20.4 billion the previous year.

Lapras Technology Inc. led the way with \$7.49 billion, followed by Gateway Business Park, \$4.95 billion; Amstar Technology Inc., \$1.71 billion; and Camacho Industries Park I, \$1.64 billion.

Among these four, Gateway Business Park posted the highest growth at 106 percent from \$2.34 billion 2003, while top SEZ exporter Lapras Technology reported growth of 17 percent.

Amstar posted an increase of 76.6 percent; Lina Technology, 37 percent; and Camacho I, 31.1 percent.

Information technology parks and buildings earned a total of \$29.17 billion in exports, an increase of 27.3 percent, from



WIPAC (P) is a semiconductor firm in Lapras. Private investors exported \$22.8 billion worth of products in 2004.

\$1.28 billion.

The top five export using IT buildings and parks in 2004 were Eastern City Cyber Park at

\$10.71 million; RSCB (Renee Information, now up \$55.86 million; Pacific Information Technology, \$20.2 million; PRCam Tower, \$20.35 million; and E-Square Information Technology, \$10.64 million.

On the other hand, export revenues from the four public economic zones fell by 1.2 percent to \$6.51 billion last year from \$6.61 billion 2003.

Bayan City Economic Zone slipped out \$1.94 billion worth of products, followed by Cavite Economic Zone, \$2.81 billion; Mactan Economic Zone, \$1.48 billion; and Bataan Economic Zone, \$294 million.

Of the public economic zones, Bataan posted a growth rate 6.1 percent from \$286.1 million while Cavite's exports grew 3.9 percent, and Mactan, 1.5 percent.

Last month, Free reported that nine foreign markets in the economy accounted to Feb. 14 billion, up by 52.48 percent from Feb. 4 billion 2003.

Earlier this week, Trade Secretary Cesar E. Fernandez said the country's total exports would exceed the target of between 7 percent and 8 percent the 2004 as third export indicators projected "satisfactorily" in the month.

Agri growth to slow down in '05, says UA&P

By Christine A. Gaylasan

THE AGRICULTURE sector, which accounts for about a fifth of the country's domestic output, is expected to slow down its growth this year from 3 percent last year, according to the University of Asia and the Pacific's Center for Food and Agri Business.

According to Roberto B. Enciso, director of the UA&P Center for Food and Agri Business, the limited government budget and high cost of farm inputs, such as fertilizers, will limit the sector's growth to 1-2.5 percent this year.

Enciso said that the anticipated dry spell brought about by the El Niño weather phenomenon will reduce crop production this year.

Corn and sugar production was also expected to go down due to the increasing cost of fertilizers.

Higher prices, meanwhile, have not ensured that rice export supply.

"We have assumed that there would be a decline of 10 percent in the country's rice production as domestic production has gone up and foreign prices," added Enciso.

The higher price of rice may at least limit the commercial fishery sector's export this year.

The UA&P said the main growth drivers would be the services, construction and information sectors.

There is higher demand for

these products here and abroad.

Despite their concerns, the UA&P Center still expects the sector to grow significantly, although not at the same pace as last year's.

"The agriculture sector's growth is still below that of the average growth rate of 3.6 percent as in 1994 to 2003, but there would be a slowdown compared to the growth achieved in 2004," Enciso said in a briefing yesterday.

The Department of Agriculture, on the other hand, expects the sector to grow by 3.2 percent this year.

The performance of the agriculture sector is closely watched as it makes up about 20 percent

of the country's Gross Domestic Product.

However, if the direct and indirect effects of agriculture input such as supplies, processing, storage and distribution are included, the sector's impact could reach over 30 percent, he added.

In the meanwhile, urged the government to divert farm-related budgetary resources to the fish and it supports the implementation of key programs.

"We hope the new Secretary of Agriculture would continue the initiatives on commodity road maps and supply chain manage-

LIFE *STYLE* Beauty

Editor Chole Bernal-Pomares

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Beyond La Mer

Our resident 'style dowager' picks the cream of the creams for the gradually aging yet always problematic face



DR. HOWARD MARSH, a UCLA medical center dermatologist, has revolutionized skincare with amazing overnight results in the form of Marul Day Release Cream.

MONDAY ART

HUMID C Defense (not to be confused with C-Daily Natural cream complex). Humulic Peptide C Environmental Shield has truly lived up to its name and environmental damage, and this humulic peptide plays the starring role of a natural skin.

By Kitty Go
Contributor

COULD there be anything else in the luxury skin-care market that could top the perfection and performance of the iconic Crème de la Mer?

At P16,000 for a 1 oz jar, with a 200-number waiting list before it launched and still with a waiting list years after its launch, it is the reigning beauty or beauty's best beauty for those with dry skin, antiaging cream cream.

Since my skin compares with George Clooney's at 35 years before we lived, the only chance for me to benefit from La Mer is when I take measures to prevent my skin from drying to a pulp at 3,000 miles above sea level. With that, I'll give you one (one) week out of a year if I'm lucky, the rest per year of La Mer is so expensive my husband could only question why. "What? P16,000? It is a waste of money!"

I then began my search for alternative skin care for the gradually aging yet always problematic face.

Once in a rare while (perhaps twice a week at most), don't you get up and look at yourself in the mirror and wonder where is the touch that can save your face between the bedroom and the bathroom?

The marketing lady Mrs. Mary R. Organic, brand manager of cosmetics and toiletries at Burt's, recommends Chanel's Protein Ultra Correction Serum (approximately P1,200). She says the Protein Ultra Correction products are the winners with aging skin, deep lines and wrinkles. "You can use it only when you are in your house," she says. For daily use, Anti Wrinkle Moisturizing Cream SPF 18 (approximately P1,700) makes the perfect antiaging moisturizer with a high moisture content in the dry winter months.

Race to perfection

From Dermatology, the company that gave the market the skin smooth and oil-free Acne Moisturizer and the best-selling grade Daily Radiance cream (Burt's Rich Cream, approximately P1,400 at Burt's), a skin-smoothing product (Burt's Skin Cream) was developed for the prevention of wrinkles. This cream is rich and gives maximum-grade cream in form of acids such as retinol, which is rich in retinol, which can improve sensitive skin. Although Burt's cream is not recommended for young, oily skin, Dermatology's studies have shown that at early as 10 weeks to 100, skin begins to lose elasticity and moisture. And by 10, aging officially begins.

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Vitamin C: Beyond the common cold

Anti-oxidant technology has advanced in the skin. Dermatology believes that topical skin care products can reduce environmental damage and achieve optimal skin health.

Among them are Dr. Howard Marsh, assistant professor of dermatology at UCLA and member of his experimental skin-care lab, and Hong Kong dermatologist Dr. Henry Chan, who believes that topical skin care is a potent therapy and that with sun avoidance,

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Beyond La Mer

By David Lee

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Filativa is a younger and more fashionable version of Italian sportswear brand Fila



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Hipper take on sport chic

Text by Anne T. Vergara
 Photos by Jon Galar-Pascual

THE TEEN trend seems promising to get hipper and cooler this year with the launching of yet another brand, Filativa.

But it's not just any brand. It's the company behind the new brand, she showed the latest collection of casual sportswear accessories from Filativa in a roomy fashion show at the new stadium located by designer Peter Lee.

Known as a prompt and supposedly hipper version of Italian sportswear brand Fila, Filativa aims to capture sporty female teenagers and young adults with colorful and cropped look-ups.

Spontaneous-looking and tight-fitting items with floral patterns in a mix of colors with just the right amount of branding.

"Our clothes are light and sporty," says Clotilde Garcia, CEO & Jini's corporate secretary and chief of brand design. "But with the right styling, they can be worn almost anywhere other than the gym."

In a July feature of Filativa, Garcia talked to design and marketing Filativa team leader for Jose Mari and Gila Alonzo of I Sports LLC, Filativa's licensee in the Philippines. The Albert couple is in charge of approving Filativa designs.

Garcia plans to introduce Filativa pieces later this year to stores other than Fila outlets.



LATER, too



SHORT and cropped

Hipper take on sport chic

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such as black, white and red. The brand's younger line will also come in primary colors such as yellow, pink, periwinkle and blue.

"I like play in my French surprise a number of skills," Garcia adds.

"What's exciting about this coming series is the debut of the French name."

Chen & Lee is also the Philippine licensee of New York-based Playtex International Inc., the thought brand inspired by the men's magazine with the same name. At such, it incorporates and modernizes Playtex's female apparel, while Chloëville takes care of the brand's men's line.

In the case of Playtex, Garcia has her design approved by people in the brand's New York office. She and her counterparts from the world now get their directions from fashion forecasts issued by the brand's headquarters.

Snap

Playtex clothes are very and a lot so, ending, too, for from snap, says Garcia. In keeping with the Playtex spirit as evidenced by founder Hugh Hefner, the pieces are for the confident and fun-loving woman with a penchant for parties and the good life. It pairs a fan of Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, Pink, Hilary, Pink and Jessica Biel, too, their men's in good company at these famous women's lines might wearing Playtex.

To update the Playtex look and give it a more "hot" feel, Lee incorporated heavy knits, lace and skirts and metallic accessories, from those in heels. The party-going lifestyle is best reflected in items inspired by "Club Land" and "Tentacle Island."

Club Land captures today's young women's preference for vibrant dancing with creative pieces that can be mixed and matched with other

styles and trends. There will be pink, blue and black top opacity in keeping with the Bunny spirit. Extra mesh pieces for opacity will be yellow, red and "sublime" and.

"Today's youngsters aren't as keen as we were when it comes to matching their clothes," says Garcia. "They mix and match items as come up with a different, totally unpredictable look. It's the unexpected wear that makes their look more as interesting and unique."

Bunny Island is Playtex's take on the Bunny look, with its mix of lace, stretch tops and band skirts. They incorporate and combine as among the top colors. In fact, of past colors are chosen their selection and having one item as top made of stretch and knit materials for that added edge.

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FOR ATHLETIC activities, wear a properly supported sports bra.



THIS bra strap is too small for the bust size.



IF YOUR bra strap is too large, it can cause the straps to dig into your skin.



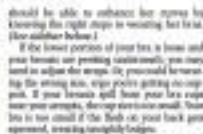
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Don't brush aside the bra

By Cherie K. Hurd

WOMEN generally tend to focus too much on clothes and neglect undergarments. Granted they do spend time perusing the bras in the racks, more for more thoughts on the style and color, like we do with our earrings, than for the fit of bras.

This is a common mistake women tend to make, and it's a mistake that can be avoided. The latest issue of *Women's Health* magazine, in fact, features the "Wacoal's Perfect Fit" campaign, which aims to help women choose the right bra for their bodies.

After going to the store and trying on a few bras, you might find that the same bra fits you in many ways, but it doesn't feel quite right. It's not the fit, it's the feel. It's the feel that makes a difference. It's the feel that makes a difference. It's the feel that makes a difference.

For a long time, she said, she wore the same style of bra underneath her clothes. "I didn't give much thought to what I was wearing, but I was wearing the same bra all the time. It was just a habit. It was just a habit. It was just a habit."

Recognizing that many Filipinas may not be fully aware of the importance of wearing the right bra, Wacoal decided to launch the "Wacoal's Perfect Fit" campaign.

"Everybody's doing underwear," said Dina Garcia, vice president of Wacoal Philippines. "We want to be the first to do it."

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"Don't let it go in a hurry," advised Dina Garcia. "It's not just a habit. It's not just a habit. It's not just a habit."

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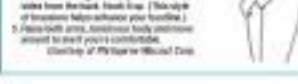
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Built-in-cant

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It's worth the effort to find the right bra for you.



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Proper way to wear your bra

1. Put both your arms through the shoulder straps. The bra should be snug, but not too tight. It should be comfortable. It should be comfortable. It should be comfortable.
2. Pull your bra slightly forward so that the straps are snug. It should be comfortable. It should be comfortable. It should be comfortable.
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